

# WATERWORKS FOR CITIES OF SOUTH

Extensive Improvements in This Line Contracted For or in Contemplation.

VAST SUMS ARE PROVIDED

Contracts Already Let Amounting to \$1,000,000 and Many Towns Laying Plans.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, MD., May 9.—That cities and towns in all parts of the South and Southwest are rapidly providing themselves with modern public improvements is evidenced by a survey in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record showing the extent of water-works construction and improvement planned or undertaken since January 1, 1908. This shows that the large amount of \$1,000,000 is either available or contemplated for such improvements at this time, and of this amount about \$1,000,000 represents contracts already awarded, \$2,000,000 bonds voted for such construction or improvement and \$1,000,000 contemplated work, nearly all of which, it is reasonably certain to assume, will be favorably acted upon. This is a very remarkable showing, and especially so when it is considered that the general average amount of water-works improvement ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000, and that the total amount covers about 150 separate municipalities.

**Extensive Water-Works.**

In this water-works improvement three States stand out prominently by reason of the amount of work they are undertaking, these being Georgia, with about \$200,000 worth of bonds voted and nearly \$1,000,000 worth of contemplated work; Texas, with about \$200,000 worth of bonds voted, about \$500,000 worth of contemplated work, and Oklahoma, with about \$300,000 worth of bonds voted, \$500,000 worth of contemplated work.

Among this work, too, some is particularly noteworthy on account of its extent. Atlanta, Ga., recently awarded a contract for the construction of a \$200,000-gallon capacity reservoir and has in contemplation the expenditure of about \$500,000 for filtration plant and extending its water mains. St. Louis, Mo., is considering the erection of a \$100,000 plant for filtration, water-works system, and the West St. Louis water and light company, a private corporation, will lay thirteen miles of water mains and erect two water towers. Oklahoma City, Okla., is expending \$150,000 for a filtration system of 4,000,000 gallons daily capacity, including 1,320,000-gallon sedimentation basin and 1,320,000-gallon capacity clear well, both of which will be completed by the State Legislature for authority to issue \$1,000,000 bonds for water-works system. Wheeling, W. Va., will extend \$350,000 for betterment of its water-works.

Parkburg, W. Va., has engaged an engineer to prepare plans for enlarging its system and building mechanical filtration plant. Galveston, Texas, is contemplating the duplication of its water mains across Galveston Bay, for which \$100,000 has been voted. Austin, Texas, will drill three additional artesian wells, and award contract for pump having 20,000,000 to 24,000,000-gallons capacity. Fort Worth, Texas, has tentative plans for system at estimated cost of \$355,000. Dallas, Texas, has \$500,000 available for extensions and improvements of its water-works corporation at Beaumont, Texas, will expend \$100,000 for extensions. Baltimore, Md., is to vote on issuance of \$500,000 of bonds for construction of new high level reservoir.

**Other City Improvements.**

This survey, as pointed out, has been confined to construction of water-works only, while other branches of municipal improvements, such as buildings, streets, sewers, lighting systems, etc., equally important work is being undertaken or contemplated, so that it may safely be estimated that throughout the South there is available or in sight at least \$1,000,000 for municipal work of some one kind or another. Moreover, it is working being undertaken when most private business organizations are pursuing a policy of retrenchment. This is a wise move, for the lower cost of labor and materials makes it possible to do construction work at a great saving over the cost of maintaining it. Moreover, public work of this kind, while it can now be done to such great financial advantage, gives employment to many men who would otherwise be idle and swell to greater proportions the number of the unemployed.

**VALUABLE COTTON DEVICE INVENTED BY COLORED MAN**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HENDERSON, N. C., May 9.—One of the most unique labor-saving machines, whose utility, it is claimed, will revolutionize the cotton culture in its early stages, is the harrow and chopper, the patent of which was granted on April 21, 1908, by Alexander A. Bullock, a worthy colored man of Williamsboro, this county. The old mode of harrowing and chopping weeds is a tedious and expensive, which is obviated by the machine in question.

The inventor claims it will bar off, chop and reduce the dirt from the plant at the same time, as the machine is propelled by horsepower down the row, the body of the harrow is effectively accomplished as if a half-score of plows and hoes had been engaged in doing it.

**Petersburg Tobacco Market.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., May 9.—Receipts of loose tobacco at local warehouses have been light during the past week, but owing to the weather, which has prevailed during the past few days, heavier receipts are expected for the coming week, which will about complete the sale of the week's crop. As a very small portion remains in the hands of the planters, prices, as quoted by Messrs. Craddock and Jones, of the Virginia Warehouse, are as follows:

Common goods, \$7 to \$8.50 per hundred pounds. Good light, \$8.50 to \$10 per hundred pounds. Short leaf, \$8 to \$10 per hundred pounds. Shipping leaf, \$11 to \$14 per hundred pounds. Short wrappers, \$12 to \$15 per hundred pounds. Time wrappers, \$16 to \$18 per hundred pounds.

**BUILD TO TOM'S CREEK**

Virginia and Southwestern Acquires Right of Way to Coal Fields.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., May 9.—The Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company filed its first consolidated map (stage on the properties) for the right of way to the Standard Trust Company, of New York, trustee, for \$700,000. This represents the purchase of the recent new purchases, together with the amount of bonds about to fall due.

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# Failures in Month of April

R. G. DUN & CO. make the following comparative report of failures in the United States for April, this year and the two preceding years, with number and liabilities in leading classes of trade:

|                                 | 1908       | 1907       | 1906       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>MANUFACTURERS.</b>           |            |            |            |
| Iron, Foundries and Mills       | 10         | 3          | 3          |
| Machine Tools                   | 10         | 3          | 3          |
| Woolens, Carpets and Knit Goods | 4          | 2          | 2          |
| Cottons, Lace and Hosiery       | 4          | 2          | 2          |
| Leathers, Saddlery and Harness  | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Shoes, Hatters and Furriers     | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Chemicals and Drugs             | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Paints and Oils                 | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Millinery and Hatters           | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Leathers, Shoes and Harness     | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Jewelry and Tobacco             | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| Glass, Earthenware and Pottery  | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| All Other                       | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total Manufacturers</b>      | <b>370</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>187</b> |

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| <b>TRADERS.</b>             |              |            |            |
| Groceries, Meats and Fish   | 140          | 83         | 103        |
| Hardware and Building       | 201          | 155        | 185        |
| Shoes and Hosiery           | 53           | 52         | 57         |
| Leathers and Saddlery       | 73           | 42         | 55         |
| Shoes, Hatters and Furriers | 37           | 14         | 15         |
| Furniture and Crockery      | 29           | 18         | 21         |
| Drugs and Chemicals         | 27           | 14         | 20         |
| Jewelry and Clocks          | 24           | 17         | 11         |
| Books and Papers            | 7            | 6          | 3          |
| Paints and Oils             | 101          | 60         | 64         |
| All Other                   | 101          | 60         | 64         |
| <b>Total Trading</b>        | <b>608</b>   | <b>543</b> | <b>675</b> |
| Brokers and Transporters    | 71           | 38         | 31         |
| <b>Total Commercial</b>     | <b>1,309</b> | <b>700</b> | <b>793</b> |

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# KENBRIDGE HAS A FIVE-WEEKLY PAPER

Two Tobacco Warehouses to Be Built—Brick Plant Sold Entire Product.

KENBRIDGE, VA., May 9.—The last meeting of the Town Council of Kenbridge was a very enthusiastic one last night. The laws and ordinances have been adopted and are in operation. H. K. Bagley resigned as Mayor on account of ill health, and T. W. Webb was elected to fill the vacancy until the next election, to be held the first Friday in June. J. A. Webb was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of T. W. Webb to the mayoralty. J. J. Almond was elected town sergeant and D. T. Kennedy, town clerk.

Messrs. Milton Harris and Bane Mansfield purchased a fine lot on Broad Street, and are now erecting an up-to-date business house on the same. They will carry a big line of fancy groceries. The Kenbridge Tribune, a handsome eight-page weekly paper, has made its appearance, and it is a success from the start. Everybody is pleased with it. It preaches Kenbridge right from the shoulder. The contract for the erection of two tobacco warehouses will be awarded Monday. There are several bidders.

An idea of the building prospects in Kenbridge may be gained by the fact that the Thinking Brick and Cement Company has recently received orders for a very large plant. They have already made contracts that will take their entire output of brick for this summer.

**Lynchburg Tobacco Market.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 9.—The receipts of tobacco on the Lynchburg market during the past week were very light, and they are expected to continue so during the remainder of the season. The total offerings aggregated \$2,800, or 17,700 pounds less than the previous week.

The offerings were mainly of the medium grade, and the trade and fine wrapper being sold. The trade and fine wrapper being sold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 9.—Miss Amy Kendrick Smith, aged thirty-nine, died at her home in Lynchburg, Va., of a heart ailment.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at her home.

Interment will be in the cemetery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, N. C., May 9.—The Atlantic Manufacturing and Storage Company has been organized in this city. The authorized capital stock is \$500,000, with \$100,000 paid in.

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# SALES ARE LARGE; BUILDING ACTIVE

Industrial Conditions in and Around Norfolk Show Steady Improvement.

NORFOLK, VA., May 9.—The activity in Norfolk real estate continues, and building operations show no signs of decrease, indicating the steady progress of the city.

During the present week the transfers have totaled \$125,000 and building permits have totaled \$45,000. The latter figure does not include several buildings to be erected beyond the city limits, for which no permit was required.

With the new Y. M. C. A. building to be erected within the near future, work probably hereafter will include several buildings to be erected beyond the city limits, for which no permit was required.

Despite the fact that a number of houses have been erected just previous to the exposition, and hundreds of private residences, there is little property for rent in the city of Norfolk, and real estate men declare there is an active demand for modern residences, showing the steady growth of the city's population.

**Smithfield Social News.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SMITHFIELD, VA., May 9.—Quite a large number of Smithfield residents attended the unveiling of the Confederate monument.

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